

The banner features a colorful illustration of a scientist in a white lab coat looking through a telescope from a hot air balloon basket. The background includes a rainbow, stylized clouds, and a yellow circular logo with a pink ribbon and a beaker. The text 'MERCK Young Scientist Award 2024 TAIWAN' is prominently displayed in the center.

MERCK Young Scientist Award 2024 TAIWAN

Introduction

The Merck Young Scientist Award covers two primary fields: "Life Sciences" and "Chemistry," each comprising two categories: "Oral Presentation" and "Poster Presentation." Interested participants are advised to verify their eligibility and choose the field that matches the topic of their research presentation.

Event Details

- Submission Period:
From February 15, 2024, to April 8, 2024, 23:59 (Taiwan time).
Submissions received after this deadline will not be accepted.
- Registration:
The registration process consists of two steps: "Registration" and "Submission."
Registration form: <https://mercklifescience.surveycake.biz/s/r1GgB>
Submission form: <https://mercklifescience.surveycake.biz/s/7RwZn>
Please complete both of the above forms and provide the necessary information as indicated in the forms to finish the registration process.
- Final Round Date and Venue: May 18, 2024; Boya Lecture Hall, National Taiwan University.
Please mark your calendars and join us for the final round of the competition.

Eligibility for Oral Presentation Category:

- Participants must currently (as of 2024) be doctoral students or postdoctoral researchers in natural sciences or engineering/research labs at universities, government units, medical institutions, research institutions, or foundations in Taiwan.

Preliminary Round:

- Submit a research abstract PDF and Declaration of Copyright (requiring a signature from your advisor or unit supervisor indicating approval).
- The list of shortlisted candidates will be announced on the website on April 19 and notified individually via email.

Online Video Challenge for Preliminary Round Shortlisted Candidates:

- Record a 3-minute (± 15 seconds) oral presentation video in either Chinese or English and upload it to the designated cloud folder by May 3, 2024. The video topic must match the research abstract submitted in the preliminary round.
- The video will be published on the Merck Taiwan YouTube channel. The number of views will contribute to 20% of the total competition score (scoring ends on May 16, 2024). Failure to submit will result in the loss of this part of the score.

Final Round:

- The final oral presentation will take place on May 18, 2024, as part of the concluding round, featuring a 5-minute presentation followed by a 2-minute Q&A session. Finalists are required to present in person.
- Scoring will include research structure, presentation organization, skills, slide quality, attire, time management, and ability to answer questions.
- Winners must attend the award ceremony in person to receive their prize.

Prizes:

Field	Subject	Excellence Award	Superior Award	Merit Award
Chemistry	Synthetic and Medicinal Chemistry	- Certificate - NT\$20,000 - Merck reagent voucher worth NT\$80,000	- Certificate - NT\$10,000 - Merck reagent voucher worth NT\$50,000	- Certificate - NT\$10,000 - Merck reagent voucher worth NT\$40,000
	Green, Energy, and Sustainability			
	Nanomaterials			
Life Sciences	Cancer Research	One winner per field, two in total	One winner per field, two in total	One winner per field, two in total
	Biomedical Materials			
	Neurology and Immunology			
Popularity Award: The entry with the highest number of views on the YouTube platform will receive the Merck Popularity Lucky Gift Set, one winner per field, two in total.				

Eligibility for Poster Presentation Category:

- Participants must be currently enrolled (as of 2024) as undergraduate students, master's students, or students in master's programs at a university in Taiwan.

Preliminary Round:

- Submit a research abstract PDF and Declaration of Copyright (requiring a signature from your advisor or unit supervisor indicating approval).
- The list of shortlisted candidates will be announced on the website on **April 19** and notified individually via email.

Final Round:

- On May 18, during the final round of the competition, print an A0 size poster (height 119 cm × width 84 cm) and post it at the venue. Poster stands will be provided.
- Participants must stand by their posters during the evaluation period for a 3-minute Q&A. Scoring will be based on poster content and Q&A performance.
- Failure to post the poster on time or absence during the Q&A session will result in disqualification.

Prizes:

Field	Subject	Excellence Award	Superior Award	Merit Award
Chemistry	Synthetic and Medicinal Chemistry	- Certificate - NT\$ 5,000 - Merck reagent voucher worth NT\$ 30,000	- Certificate - NT\$ 3,000 - Merck reagent voucher worth NT\$ 20,000	- Certificate - NT\$ 1,000 - Merck reagent voucher worth NT\$ 10,000
	Green, Energy, and Sustainability			
	Nanomaterials			
Life Sciences	Cancer Research	One winner per subject, six in total	One winner per subject, six in total	One winner per subject, six in total
	Biomedical Materials			
	Neurology and Immunology			
Popularity Award: Selected through on-site voting by qualified participants, the individual with the highest number of votes will receive the Merck Popularity Lucky Gift Set, one winner per field, two in total.				

Notice

- Entries should be in either English or Chinese, and each person is limited to one submission.
- Contest entries cannot have previously won in other competitions or previous editions of the Merck Young Scientist Award. Disqualification will result if such instances are discovered.
- All content must be created solely by the participant without any external assistance.
- Submissions must adhere to copyright, patent, and other intellectual property laws. Violations will lead to disqualification.
- Participants must be under 40 years old (born after 1984) and must not hold a medical doctor's license.
- The judging committee reserves the right to adjust the number of awards based on the scoring results.
- By participating in this competition, you agree to abide by all regulations. Any additional matters not addressed in this introduction will be handled separately and announced by the organizers as necessary.

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